



Mississippi Perinatal Quality Collaborative

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MSPQC BACKGROUND

- Launched November of 2014
- 3 Divisions
 - Maternal
 - Neonatal
 - Family & Community
- 2016 joined Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)
- 2018 CDC funding

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**BlueCross BlueShield
of Mississippi**

It's good to be Blue.



**CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION**



**ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION
ON MATERNAL HEALTH** AIM



Racial Equity

- Evaluating all practices
- Data by race, geography, payer with focused goals to achieve equity
- 2021 Goal: Racial equity training for all birthing facilities in partnership with National Birth Equity Collaborative
- 3 Mississippi Hospitals/MSPQC partner with SACRED Birth Study to evaluate measures of Obstetric Racism



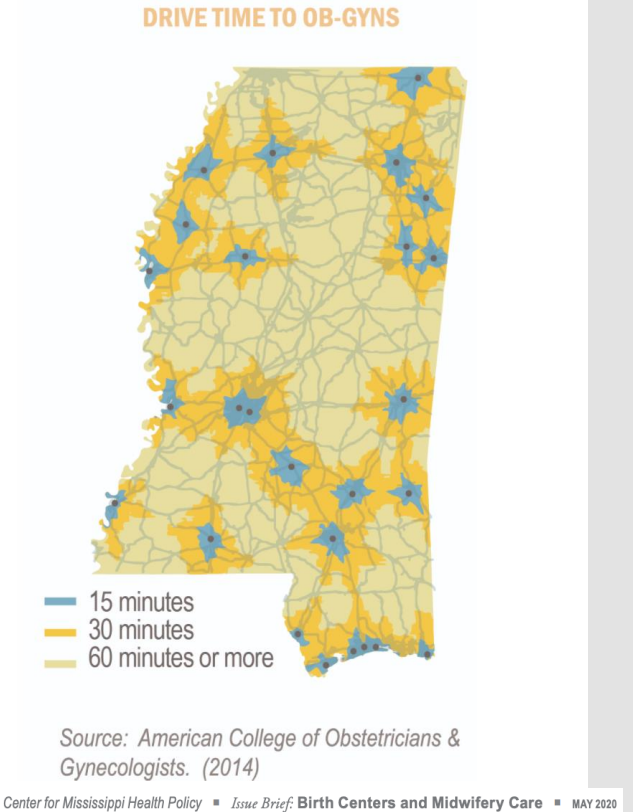
SACRED Birth During COVID19

The SACRED Birth Study is designed for, by, and with Black mothers and Black birthing people to share information about their patient experiences in hospital settings during labor, birth, and postpartum in six key areas:

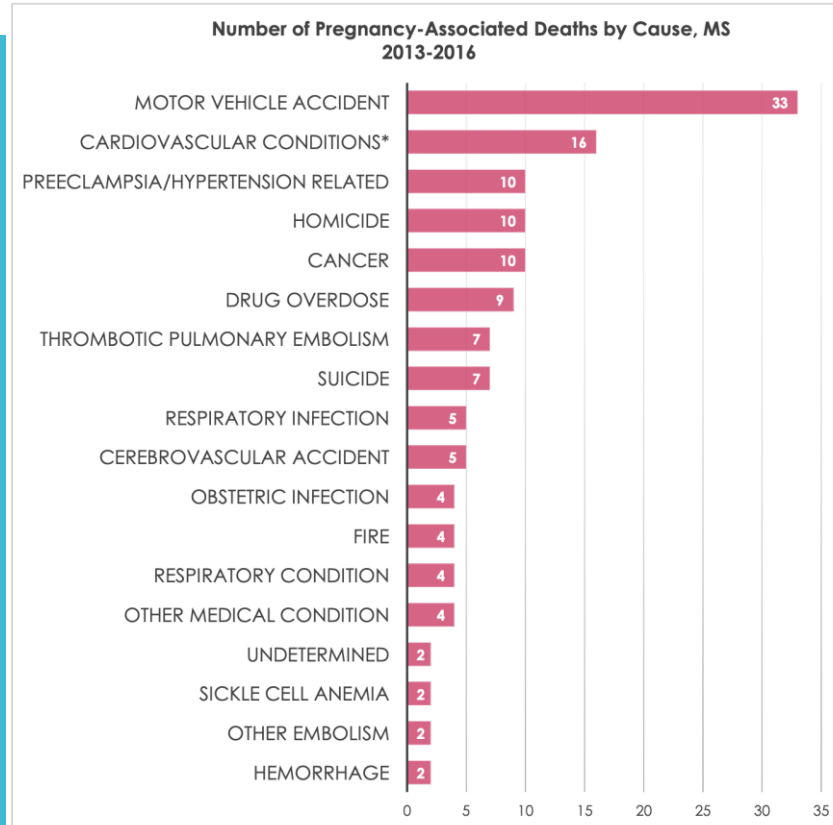
Safety, Autonomy, Communication, Racism, Empathy, and Dignity.

Landscape

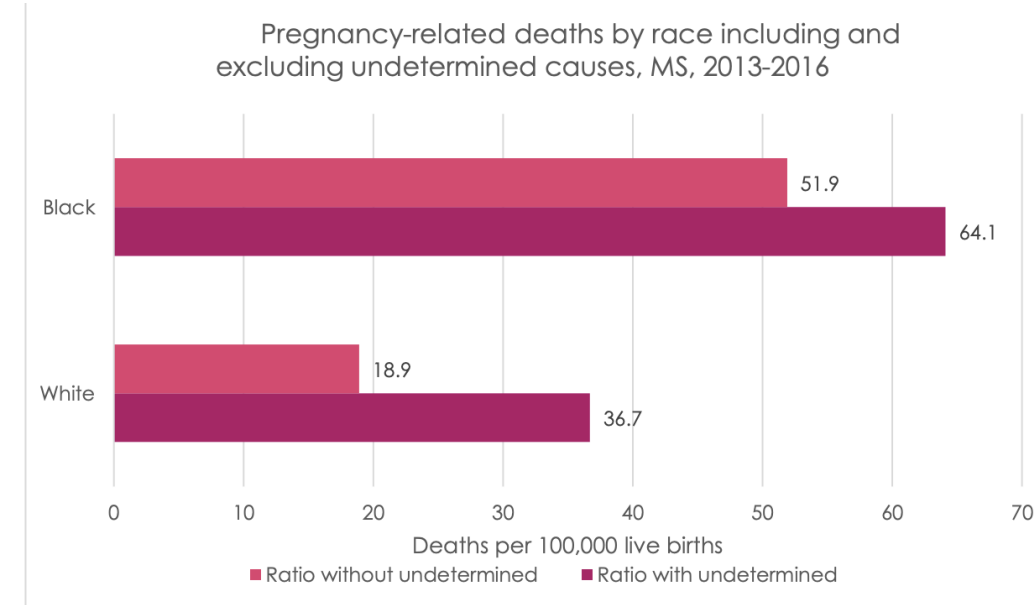
- 42 Birthing Facilities in Mississippi
- ~37,000 births per year
- 65% Medicaid
- 1 Level IV NICU Level/Academic Medical Center
- 10 III NICUs
- No Birthing Centers
- 429 ob/gyns in 36 of 82 counties
- ~10 MFMs



Maternal Outcomes

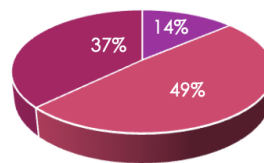


*Including cardiomyopathy



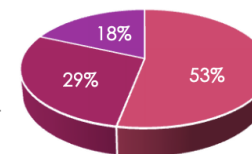
Timing of pregnancy-related deaths 2013-2016

- Pregnant
- Within 6 Weeks Postpartum
- > 6 weeks Postpartum



Location of pregnancy-related deaths, 2013-2016

- Hospital Inpatient
- Emergency Department
- Other Location



Past Initiatives

- Early Elective Deliveries
- Severe Maternal Hypertension 1.0
- Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative (AIM)

- Neonatal Golden Hour

- Partner- Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (CHAMPS/Boston University)

Current Initiatives

- Maternal
 - Hypertension & Heart
 - Initiative to Support Vaginal Birth (I-Support)
- Neonatal
 - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
 - Express Yourself- Human Milk in NICU

Hypertension & Heart Project Aims & Goals

By November of 2021, for mothers with confirmed severe maternal hypertension:

Increase proportion treated for severe HTN in <60 minutes to >80%

Increase proportion receiving preeclampsia education at discharge to >80%

Increase proportion with follow-up appointments within 10 days to >80%

Increase proportion of cases with provider/nurse debriefs to >80%

Reduce hypertension related mortality in Mississippi by 20% by 2021

All facilities conducting at least one annual drill on maternal cardiac arrest annually.

Hypertension & Heart Activities

- Documented hypertension management protocol (JCAHO)
- Provider and nurse education on severe maternal hypertension
- Debriefs
- Multidisciplinary case reviews
- Patient education materials
- Electronic Health Record integration of order sets
- Drills twice per year

You are STILL AT RISK after your baby is born!

Postpartum Preeclampsia

What is it?
Postpartum preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure. It can happen to any woman who has just had a baby up to 6 weeks after the baby is born.

Risks to You

- Seizures
- Stroke
- Organ damage
- Death

Warning Signs

- Stomach pain
- Feeling nauseous or throwing up
- Swelling in your hands and feet
- Severe headaches
- Seeing spots (or other vision changes)
- Shortness of breath

What can you do?

- Ask if you should follow up with your doctor within one week of discharge.
- Keep all follow-up appointments.
- Watch for warning signs. If you notice any call your doctor. (If you can't reach your doctor call 911 or go directly to an emergency room and report you have been pregnant.)
- Treat your lactation.

For more information, go to www.stillatrisk.org

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Ask Your Doctor or Midwife

Preeclampsia

What Is It?
Preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure. It can happen to any pregnant woman during the second half of her pregnancy.

Risks to You

- Seizures
- Stroke
- Organ damage
- Death

Risks to Your Baby

- Premature birth
- Death

Signs of Preeclampsia

- Stomach pain
- Feeling nauseous, throwing up
- Swelling in your hands and feet
- Headaches
- Seeing spots
- Gaining more than 5 pounds (2.3 kg) in a week

What Should You Do?
Call your doctor or midwife right away. Finding preeclampsia early is important for you and your baby.

For more information go to www.preeclampsia.org

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SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Get Care for These POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Most women who give birth recover without problems. But any woman can have complications after the birth of a baby. Learning to recognize these POST-BIRTH warning signs and knowing what to do can save your life.

POST-BIRTH WARNING SIGNS

Call 911 if you have:

- Pain in chest
- Obstructed breathing or shortness of breath
- Seizures
- Thoughts of hurting yourself or your baby

Call your healthcare provider if you have:

- Bleeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger
- Incision that is not healing
- Red or swollen leg, that is painful or warm to touch
- Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- Headache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes

(If you can't reach your healthcare provider, call 911 or go to an emergency room)

Trust your instincts

Process

- Toolkit development and materials dissemination
- Annual Kick Off
- Monthly Coaching Team Calls
- Quarterly Individual Calls
- AIM Database Entry & Tracking
- Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics Simulation Training (ALSO)
- Celebrations/Recognitions

Progress

	2016	2018	2020
Debriefs	10%	20%	67%
Case Reviews	10%	25%	76%
Patient Support	15%	25%	67%
Written HTN Policy	7%	7%	46%
EHR Integration	7%	7%	56%
Drills (quarterly avg)	<1	<1	1.6

Changing Culture & Convention

WHY AREN'T SEVERE BLOOD PRESSURES TREATED?

- “We have just one doctor who still wants to start with Magnesium”
- “We wait for the epidural to be in place”
- “The main concern is bottoming the mother and baby out”
- “ We only call the doctor about ‘emergencies’”
- “ We tolerate higher pressures in postpartum period”
- “If the patient has chronic hypertension, we don’t usually treat”
- “ Our OB champion is the most junior person in the group”

Cesarean Delivery in Mississippi

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TOTAL C-SECTION RATE



■ Cesarean Rate (38.2%)
■ Vaginal Birth Rate (61.8%)

Rank in the United States: Highest

LOW-RISK (NTSV) CESAREAN RATE



■ NTSV Cesarean Rate (31.8%)
■ NTSV Vaginal Birth Rate (68.2%)

Rank in the United States: Highest

REPEAT CESAREAN RATE

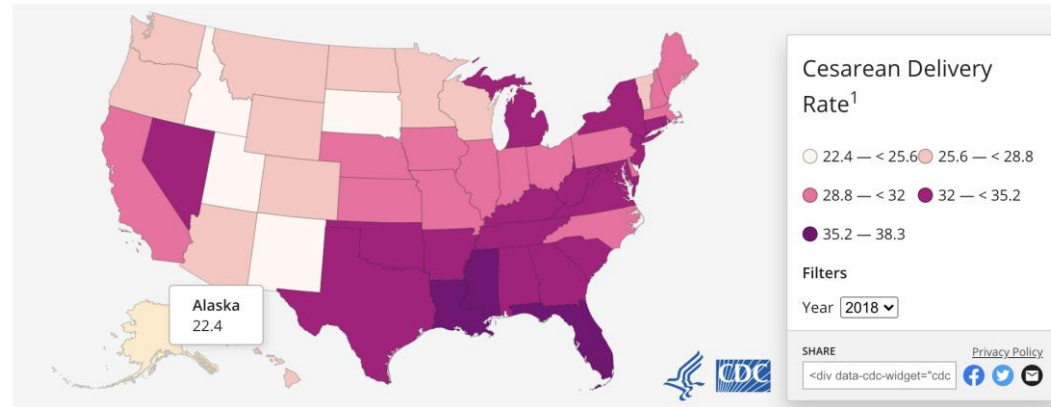


■ Repeat Cesarean Rate (93.8%)
■ VBAC Rate (6.2%)

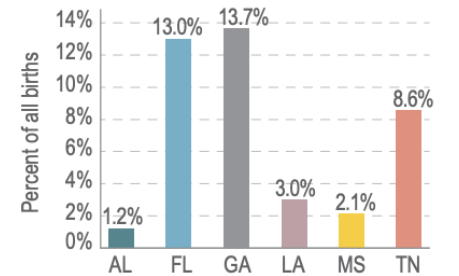
Rank in the United States: Highest



Cesarean Delivery Rate by State



PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS ATTENDED BY MIDWIVES IN SOUTHEASTERN STATES, 2018



Source: CDC. (2019). National Center for Health Statistics. Natality Reports (2016-2018).

Initiative to Support Vaginal Birth (I-Support) Pilot

- Pilot of 5 hospitals to test process & data
- Goal: By 6/2021 reduce of primary cesarean due to failure to progress and failed induction of labor by 10%

Initiative to Support Vaginal Birth (I-Support) Pilot

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Phase 1:
Education &
Training

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Phase 2:
Data sharing &
Case Review

3

Phase 3:
Policy
Development

Initiative to Support Vaginal Birth (I-Support)

Phase 1- Education/Training

- AIM eModules
- Physiologic Birth Education
- Hands-on /Virtual Training in Labor Support
- ACOG/SMFM Safe Prevention of Primary Cesarean
- Use of bedside checklist/review tool

Promoting Primary Vaginal Deliveries



Promoting Primary Vaginal Deliveries (PROVIDE) Initiative

CMQCC
California Maternal
Quality Care Collaborative

Appendix J

Pre-cesarean Checklist for Labor Dystocia or Failed Induction

Patient Name: _____ MR#: _____ **Active Phase Arrest > 6 cm Dilation (must fulfill one of the two criteria)**

Gestational Age: _____ Date of C-section: _____; Membranes ruptured (if possible), then:

Time: _____ Adequate uterine contractions (e.g. moderate or strong to palpation, or > 200 MVU, for ≥ 4 hours) without improvement in dilation, effacement, station or position

Obstetrician: _____; Initial: _____ OR

Bedside Nurse: _____; Initial: _____ Inadequate uterine contractions (e.g. < 200 MVU) for ≥ 6 hours of oxytocin administration without improvement in dilation, effacement, station or position

Indication for Primary Cesarean Delivery:

Failed Induction (must have both criteria if cervix unfavorable, Bishop Score < 8 for nullips and < 6 for multips)

Cervical Ripening used (when starting with unfavorable Bishop scores as noted above). Ripening agent used: _____ Reason ripening not used if cervix unfavorable: _____

AND

Unable to generate regular contractions (every 3 minutes) and cervical change after oxytocin administered for at least 12-18 hours after membrane rupture. *Note: at least 24 hours of oxytocin administration after membrane rupture is preferable if maternal and fetal statuses permit

Latent Phase Arrest < 6 cm dilation (must fulfill one of the two criteria)

Moderate or strong contractions palpated for > 12 hours without cervical change

OR

IUPC > 200 MVU for > 12 hours without cervical change

Nullipara with epidural pushing for at least 4 hours

OR

Nullipara without epidural pushing for at least 3 hours

OR

Multipara with epidural pushing for at least 3 hours

OR

Multipara without epidural pushing for at least 2 hours

Although not fulfilling contemporary criteria for labor dystocia as described above, my clinical judgment deems this cesarean delivery indicated

Failed Induction: Duration in hours: _____

Latent-Phase Arrest: Duration in hours: _____

Active-Phase Arrest: Duration in hours: _____

Second-Stage Arrest: Duration in hours: _____

Comments: _____

Initiative to Support Vaginal Birth (I-Support)

Phase 2- Data Sharing & Case Reviews

- Monthly sharing of unblinded or blinded NTSV with providers, aggregate with OB Unit
- Proportion of primary cesareans performed for failure to progress or failed induction of labor that do not meet ACOG/SMFM Criteria

	Criteria to meet ACOG/SMFM Indication
Dystocia/Failure to Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cervix 6cm or greater at time of CS• Membranes ruptured and NO cervical change x 4 hours with adequate contractions (or 6hrs w/ oxytocin)
Failed Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bishop score at or above 6cm before elective induction• Oxytocin used for a minimum of 12 hrs after membrane rupture

- Monthly team case presentation
 - A case that met criteria
 - A case that did not meet criteria

Details from
Case
Presentations
Highlight
Challenges

Lack of in-house OB coverage drives 5pm cesareans

Lack of in-house Anesthesiology coverage slows overnight inductions

Small practices and solo providers balancing long labors and work schedules

Variable use of induction strategies: foley balloons, combined balloons with medications, IUPCs

Variable maternal support: Doulas, solid food, ambulation, showers

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Phase 3- Policy Development

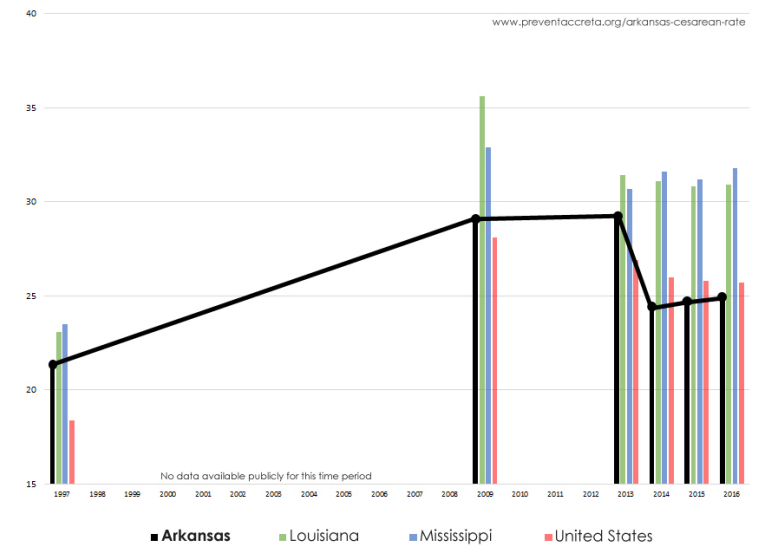
State Level

- State/Payer level incentives
- Staffing shortages

Hospital Level

- In-house coverage
- Standardized education
- Standardized data sharing
- Maternal support policies

Arkansas NTSV (Low-risk) Cesarean Rate, 1997-2016



SOURCE: CDC NCHS [2016 data are provisional]

Next Steps

- Monthly data reporting to MSPQC
- Enrolling 5 additional teams, keeping small cohorts
- Patient/Family input- Local Cesarean Awareness Network
- Statewide kick-off November 2021

Thank You

If you want to go fast, go alone;
if you want to go far, go together.
--Kenyan Proverb

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